



Minutes 12/10/2018

Brown County League of Women Voters

In Attendance

Cathy Rountree, Shari Frank, Jeanne Lager, Pam Raider, Jan Swigert, Heather Nicholson, Janet Kramer, Laurie Teal, JoAnne Himebaugh, Lorna Reichman, Ruth Reichman, Tim Clark

November Minutes

- Approved with corrections: spelling on Studabaker and Naloxone

Treasurers report

- Bank balance \$2,976.78.

Correspondence

- **League Day at Statehouse:** January 16th Shari Frank, Laurie Teal and JoAnne Himebaugh will attend
- **Annual State League Meeting:** April 27 & 28 in Lafayette.

Current Business

- **Media watching observations:** Election Board Meeting January 16th Cathy Rountree and Pam Raider will attend.
- **Election 2018:** Brown County had a 61% voter turnout. Two **IN** counties have ~~went to~~ more easily auditable paper scan ballot (voter verified). **Other counties, including Brown, have electronic records only; considered "at risk" in National Study.**
- **Reality Store:** Great to interact with kids. Surprise on how often bullying was conversed on; Superintendent, Laura Hammack, expressed the value of the bullying question and how it will be used to better policy and education for students and staff.
- **Membership:** Heather Nicholson moves to adopt League of Women Voters of Brown County Member Handbook, Pam Raider seconds, approval unanimous. Thanks to Laurie Teal, Pam Raider, Suzanne Gaudin, **Craig Greg** Bowes, **Janet Kramer**, **Jan Swigert** and Shari Frank for your dedication in making this project happen.
- **Meet Your Legislator:** Matt Stark wants to work with us to host forum at the High School. Shari has reached out to Chris May & Eric Koch and will reach out to High School Social Studies teachers this week to ask for participation. Looking to lock down a Saturday in February.
- **Newsletter:** JoAnne Himebaugh will reach out to membership prior to publication to ask for input. Also, a calendar will be included with schedule of county meetings including Board of Health.
- **Website:** Laurie Teal and Jennifer Bube (graphic designer with Community Foundation) will work together to redesign and update.
- **Fiscal Study:** Tim Clark, Jan Swigert and JoAnne Himebaugh have subdivided study to research and follow-up on. Jan will follow up on Operational Management and Transparency &

Accountability, Tim will follow up on Fiscal Management, with the exception of health insurance and employee benefits, Planning and Development and Board Management. JoAnne will research health insurance and employee benefits, including cost analysis and exploration of best options. They plan to present findings at Leagues annual meeting.

- **HCI:** Team has reorganized to develop Brown County Leadership Cooperative (BCLC). The vision is to partner with a diverse group of current and aspiring leaders to form a more collaborative Brown County that reflects the needs and values of its citizens. BCLC has three main objectives: 1 to engage and assist collaborative community leaders. 2 to improve the leadership skills of those in leadership positions. 3 to model proven engagement and planning activities through identified community projects. The team's first project will be "food" focused. They have completed and submitted "Pathway Project: Project Proposal" for grant funding consideration. Team meets the second Monday of every month, Community Foundation lower level, 6pm.

Observer Corp

- **Consider attending:** Thank you Heather Nicholson
 - Brown County Council 3rd Monday
 - Area Plan Commission 3rd Tuesday
 - Zoning Appeals 3rd Thursday
 - County Commissioners 1st and 3rd Wednesday
 - Peaceful Valley Heritage 2nd Tuesday
- **Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI):** Heather Nicholson also reported three community conversations on economic development held for: 1 School Administration 2 Elected and appointed officials 3 Public at large.
 - ROI was established in 2016 to advance economic and community prosperity in the Indiana Uplands region.
 - As a part of this overarching strategy, ROI is rolling out the Ready Communities Initiative, which will offer grant funding opportunities across the 11 counties of the Indiana Uplands. The Ready Communities Initiative will provide counties and communities the resources necessary to strategically plan for, develop and implement projects and programs that build quality of place, grow regional capacity for workforce development and attraction, and improve the attributes and amenities that make the Indiana Uplands a desirable place to live, work and play.

Annual Meeting

- Think of potential speakers on topics of interest to LWV and potential new members.

Next meeting January 14 at 10am